SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

1. Objections were found to language in the claims.

2. Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Teraoka et al. (US Patent No. 6,819,888).

3. Claims 1-11 were objected to.

4. Claims 7-11 were found to be allowable upon correction of the claim objections.

RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES

1. <u>Objections were found to language in the claims.</u>

All objectionable language was corrected, **except for the asserted error in the f(t) function. No missing left hand parenthesis was found.** The Examiner is authorized to amend such a defect if that defect is present in the text copy in the US Patent and Trademark Office.

2. <u>Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Teraoka et al. (US Patent No. 6,819,888).</u>

Claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1, rendering claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom (including claim 3) patentable.

3. <u>Claims 1-11 were objected to.</u>

All objections were corrected, as noted above, with the single exception noted.

4. Claims 7-11 were found to be allowable upon correction of the claim objections. Allowance of those claims and the amended claims is acceptable.
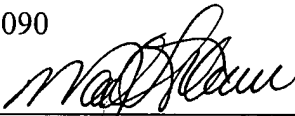
CONCLUSION

All issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed. All claims are presently in condition for allowance.

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